

REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and clerical errors of the specification have been amended.

In paragraph 2 of the Action, claims 1, 4-7 and 9-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujii et al. In paragraph 4 of the Action, claims 2, 3 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujii et al. in view of Koji.

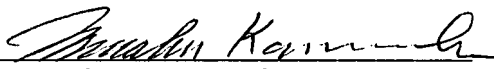
Fujii et al. cited in the Action was filed on July 2, 2003, while the present application was filed on July 10, 2003 claiming a convention priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-243327 filed on August 23, 2002, earlier than the U.S. filing date of Fujii et al. A priority document was filed on September 8, 2003. Now, a verified translation of the priority document has been filed. Therefore, please withdraw the rejection by Fujii et al.

Although Fujii et al. is not a reference in the application, in reviewing the application, claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 8, respectively. Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

One month extension of time is hereby requested. A credit card authorization form in the amount of \$120.00 is attached herewith for the one month extension of time.

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